

Town Meeting Article 8

Report of the Housing Policy Steering Committee

October 26, 2005

Housing Policy Steering Committee

- **Katie Murphy, Board of Selectmen**
- **Ginger Esty, Board of Selectmen**
- **Sue Bernstein, Planning Board**
- **Ann Wells, Planning Board**

Data Sources

- **Town Data**
 - **Assessing, Planning**
 - **GIS**
- **Census Data**
 - **Framingham**
 - **Other Communities**
- **Real Estate Industry Data**
- **Housing Reports from Other Communities**
- **Consultant Expertise**

Citizens Advisory Committee

Town Organizations

- Standing Committee on Planning and Zoning
- Housing Partnership
- Housing Authority
- Historical Commission
- School Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Finance Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Planning and Economic Development

Civic Groups

- Condo Association
- Real Estate/Mortgage
- LULAC
- Framingham Taxpayers' Association
- Framingham Is My Backyard (FIMBY)
- Framingham Downtown Revitalization
- BRAMAS
- Chamber of Commerce

Housing Questions

- **HOUSING SUPPLY**
- **HOUSING DEMAND**
- **GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY**
- **GOVERNMENT SERVICES**
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
- **FRAMINGHAM'S IMAGE**

Mission Statement

The HLSC is charged with review of the current Affordable Housing Plan and to create a new, accurate, and reasoned assessment of Framingham's housing opportunities and needs among all components of the community.

The result should include all viable strategies to maintain, improve, and create housing opportunities for all types of households.

The HLSC shall consider and incorporate within a rational framework comment solicited from the Citizen Advisory Committee. The CAC shall be comprised of a group of residents and professionals who can bring to organized discussion perspectives on housing criteria that are representative of Framingham as a whole. The HLSC shall rely upon its consultant and municipal staff for verification of data and interpretation of both data and public comment supplied by the local and regional sources. The HLSC shall, however, retain control of policy-making that arises from the review process.

While the immediate goal of the HLSC is to produce a document relative to affordable housing in conjunction with the Priority Development Fund grant, the ultimate goal is to produce a housing plan inclusive of all appropriate planning approaches to housing and suitable for incorporation into Framingham's Master Plan. The overriding principle in this goal is to preserve existing housing diversity and determine strategies for maintaining and producing housing diversity in the context of the social and economic success of the Town.

Project Timeframe

HOUSING PLAN SCHEDULE		
<i>Section of Housing Report</i>	<i>Submitted to HPLC</i>	<i>Decision Deadline</i>
<i>Concepts & Definitions</i>	10/21/05	11/4/05
<i>List of Sources (Preliminary)</i>		
<i>Population Profile</i>	11/18/05	12/16/05
<i>Housing Market Conditions & Trends</i>	12/30/05	1/20/06
<i>Analysis of Needs</i>	1/27/06	2/17/06
<i>Analysis of Barriers</i>		
<i>Opportunities & Recommendations</i>	2/24/06	3/17/06
<i>(Est. CAC Presentation 3/29/06)</i>		
<i>Draft Housing Plan Report & Implementation Guide*</i>	3/24/06	4/7/06
<i>(Est. CAC Presentation 4/26/06)</i>		
<i>(Est. Forum for Town Meeting Members 4/27/06)</i>		
The draft Housing Plan Report will be a compilation of all chapters previously submitted to the HPLC		
The Implementation Guide will present an implementation strategy for recommendations accepted by the HPLC on 3/17/06		

Housing Plan Timeframe

